

REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION IS PREPARING FOR NEXT SESSION; AIM TO CONTROL ENTIRE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—With the adjournment of congress but one day old the republican members of the next house are already planning their organization. The leaders are forming their plans already and framing up the various committees. The first matter considered by the leaders is determining the seniority of the membership to arrange for placing on committees. As soon as this has been done the regular order of work will be determined.

WILL HAVE MAJORITY OF APPOINTMENTS
WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—Because of the republican majority of control the next house committee on committees will be numbered among those controlled by this party. This will be accomplished by replacing a democrat on that committee by a republican, securing the committee for the major party. It is generally known that the same course of procedure will be taken on all committees which the republicans wish to control.

CHAIRMAN ARRANGED FOR
Among those known to be slated for chairmanships on some of the important committees will be William S. Greene, of Massachusetts, who will be at the head of the merchant marine and fisheries; Joseph W. Fordney, of Michigan, will be chairman of the ways and means committee and James W. Good, of Iowa, will be the head of the appropriations committee. It is the intention of the republicans to have complete control of the house and the important committees.

LANE WILL PRESS FOR ACTION
WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane announces that it is his intention to press all matters of his department thru congress at the next session. He will endeavor to have the reconstruction of all legislation lost at the last session and to have the important measures passed at the first session.

FIVE MEASURES OF IMPORTANCE
Among the first matters which he will request quick action on will be those pertaining to the passage of the bill appropriating a hundred million dollars for farms for the soldiers; the Americanization bill, which provides for the education of foreigners in the United States; the bill for the survey of the power resources of both the eastern and western part of the country; the general leasing bill and the water power bill. The secretary was greatly disappointed at the failure of the passage of these bills at the last moment.

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR BREST AMID SIMPLE FAREWELL; WILL REMAIN UNTIL PEACE IS SIGNED

NEW YORK, March 5.—(AP)—Shortly after eight o'clock this morning the steamer George Washington left Hoboken pier for Brest, France, with President Wilson and party on board. The departure of the President for overseas was marked by its simplicity, making a great contrast to the noisy demonstration which marked his former leaving.

SMALL CROWD PRESENT
The pier was only fairly well crowded with people as the farewell whistle was blown. The President stood with his hat in hand and waved a final adieu as the vessel left the pier. As the ropes were cast off the band struck up the National anthem, the crowd cheering at the finish.

DESTROYERS ESCORTING STEAMER
A number of torpedo boat destroyers are acting as the escort of the George Washington on this trip instead of the large flotilla of battleships and destroyers that accompanied it before. As the Washington passed down the channel and stood out to sea the shore batteries fired a salute of twenty-one guns, which the steamer responded to. With a final blast of the whistle the ship passed beyond the statue of Liberty and proceeded on its way.

WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL THE FINISH
Before sailing the President reiterated his statement made last night at the Metropolitan opera house that he would not return to America until the work of the peace conference was finished. He intended to remain in France until the last pen stroke was affixed to the peace pact.

DANES PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS FOR SCHLESWIG; CLEMENCEAU ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT SOON

PARIS, March 5.—(AP)—On the resumption of the peace deliberations this morning the members of the Danish delegation presented the claims of Denmark to the province of Schleswig. In presenting their claims the delegation stated that they represented four of the largest parties in the Danish parliament and it is these parties that desire that part of Schleswig, which is inhabited by the Danes, to be returned to Denmark. The claims petition will be taken under advisement by the claims committee and a further hearing held on it.

CLEMENCEAU ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT
PARIS, March 5.—(AP)—Georges Clemenceau, premier of France and president of the peace conference returned to his duties this morning after a brief absence. His appearance was the signal for the extending of many congratulations on his recovery from his wounds. As soon as order was called Clemenceau announced that as soon as the political situation of France was adjusted he would retire from active participation in public duties.

GERMANY STARTS OBJECTING
PARIS, March 5.—(AP)—A despatch received in this city from Zurich says that the German cabinet held a meeting in that city last Monday night which was attended by party leaders and several of the largest ship owners of the empire. The matters pertaining to the surrender of the merchant marine of Germany to the entente was discussed at considerable length. At the conclusion of the meeting the cabinet decided that Germany could not submit to coercion from the allied powers, either in the armistice negotiations or at the peace parleys. The cabinet did not consider the demand made upon Germany regarding the handing over of its shipping to be a proper one and considered the matter to be absolutely unacceptable.

GERMAN PRESS STARTS CAMPAIGN
PARIS, March 5.—(AP)—Following the receipt of the Zurich despatch the supreme council received a message thru its agent in the German city that an active press campaign has been started against the armistice and the preliminary peace terms. Whether the campaign is launched with the purpose of inciting the people to a resistance of the terms imposed and the starting of hostilities could not be determined. One thing is certain, the allies will not recede from the stand they have taken.

JAPAN STANDS FOR A JUST PEACE
PARIS, March 5.—(AP)—Marquis Saionji, the head of the Japanese peace delegation, stated today when the news of the attitude of Germany became known that his country was entirely sympathetic with the project to establish peace on a just, impartial and solid basis.

STRIKERS VOTE THIS WEEK ON RESUMING WORK

SEATTLE, March 5.—(AP)—The shipyard strikers vote this week on the proposition of returning to their work. The result of their meeting will be announced Saturday night after the balloting has been held. It is predicted that the shipyards will probably be opened again next Monday morning.

Should the workers return to their positions it will be under the old wage schedule with which they expressed themselves as dissatisfied. They will continue to work under these conditions pending the outcome of the wage conference at Washington. The first break in the strike occurred early this week when five hundred sheetmetal workers returned to their places in the shops.

STRIKERS RESUME WORK.
ABERDEEN, March 5.—(AP)—The striking shipyard men of this city today took a referendum vote on returning to work. The proposition carried by a good majority and the men will return to the yards shortly.

BOL MOVEMENT BEEN STARTED AT ARCHANGEL

ARCHANGEL, March 5.—(AP)—After a long period of inactivity fighting has been resumed along the Dvina front and along the Vaga river by the Bolsheviks who have inaugurated an offensive movement.

According to the advices received here the Bols launched an infantry attack last Tuesday on the allied positions on the Vaga river near Kitka but were repulsed with heavy losses. The casualties sustained by the allies are stated to be slight.

About the time the Vaga river engagement took place heavy artillery took place all along the Dvina front, the Bolsheviks evidently undertaking to make a drive of both fronts to the northward. Owing to the shifting tactics of the allies the Bols have considerable difficulty in securing the range and have not inflicted a great degree of damage. The allies are in a position to withstand attacks of this nature for some time. Those better acquainted with the situation believe that within a short time the allies will start an offensive of their own.

GERMAN TROOPS OCCUPY HALLE

BERLIN, March 5.—(AP)—News was received in this city today concerning the occupancy of the city of Halle in the province of Saxony by government troops last Monday. It is reported that the troops are now in full possession of the city and are closely guarding all public buildings and utilities.

The entrance to the city was not effected without heavy losses on both sides, the government loss being reported as particularly heavy for the number of men engaged. After the entrance to the city was effected much blood was shed in the heavy street fighting that followed. Thirty citizens are reported as killed from stray bullets.

NEW ISSUE OF POSTAGE STAMP SOON BE MADE

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—The postal department announces that a new issue of the three-cent postage stamp will be made. The new issue will be called the "Victory" stamp.

The design of the stamp will be entirely different than any now in circulation. Centered on the stamp will be a figure representing "Victory" bearing in one hand the sword of Liberty and in the other the scales of Justice. The whole design will appear in panel. Draped as a background for the figure will be the flags of England, America, France, Belgium and Italy. The stamps of the new issue will be wider and shorter than the regular three-cent kind.

DISORDER WITH MUCH KILLING NOW REPORTED

BERLIN, March 5.—(AP)—Late reports from Lichtenburg indicate that considerable fighting has taken place there between the government forces and the Spartacan group. The disorders are stated to be of a serious nature and altho the government troops quelled the trouble it is not over by any means.

In a pitched battle between the police force and the Spartacans in that city three members of the municipal force and eight of the revolting faction were killed outright. The total number of wounded will exceed thirty.

A short time before the fight occurred the Spartacans were engaged in plundering and sacking jewelry stores, bakeries, butcher shops and grocery stores, removing supplies in large quantities. The police attempted to arrest a large number of the men engaged in the work and the fight resulted. Many of the raided establishments were sacked completely and the fixtures badly wrecked.

FOOTGEAR WAS GETTING SHORT

MUNICH, March 5.—(AP)—Munich's scarcity of shoes, which was getting serious when the war stopped, has improved sufficiently so that during the next six months there will be available a supply large enough to fit out 75 percent of the population with one pair for each person. Shoe dealers have demanded the suspension of the card system for shoes, whereby a person was entitled to one pair a year. The dealers said themselves well loaded up with military shoes, for which there is little demand now, and will attempt to unload them at the government-fixed price of \$8 a pair.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL BE DECLARED IN GERMANY
BERLIN, March 5.—(AP)—According to reports received from many parts of Germany a soviet republic will be declared within a short time. As head of the new government will be Hugo Hasse, the former secretary of foreign affairs. Just when and where the new government will be proclaimed is not known.

GOVERNMENT TO STILL RETAIN THE RAILWAYS

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—The government is determined to retain the control of the railroads now under federal administration. Since the failure of passage of the appropriations plans are being formed that will enable the roads to finance themselves thru the agency of private loans or advances made by the war finance corporation.

Walker D. Hines, director general of the railroad administration, stated today that he hoped to maintain the operation of the roads on a normal scale and to carry on as much of the contemplated improvements as was possible under the circumstances.

OLD JOBS WILL BE GIVEN BACK

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—The war department has issued instructions to all officers in charge of the various naval stations of the United States to employ all of the men who formerly were working at the stations that left their work to enlist in the service. It is believed that a large number of men will avail themselves of this opportunity to secure work and that their return to their former work will be but a matter of a short time.

RAILWAY UNDER HEAVY EXPENSE

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 15.—(AP) Mail.—The expense of operating the trans-Siberian railway is exceeding its income by the normal equivalent of about \$40,000,000 a month, says a writer in a local newspaper. Only two trains daily now are operated between Vladivostok, Cheliabinsk and Ekaterinburg, and one of these is a military train. The writer asserts that the road has enough equipment to give a daily service of eight trains across Siberia to the Russian cities.

Reasons assigned for failure to develop the road to its capacity are destruction of the Onon bridge, military management, shortage of supplies, scarcity of food for railway employes and financial difficulties.

ANOTHER BREAK OF BOLSHEVISM

PARIS, March 5.—(AP)—Another outbreak on the part of the followers of Bolshevism occurred in this city today when a Russian Jew named Kneller fired two shots from a pistol from the balcony of Lefevre at President Poincare's residence. The bullets fell harmlessly into the court surrounding the residence.

When taken into custody Kneller declared that his action was to express a protest against the allied intervention in Russia.

STRIKE MOVE IS SPREADING

AMSTERDAM, March 5.—(AP)—A Berlin despatch states that the strike movement is spreading thruout Germany, making rapid progress in all sections. The Spartacan and Communist combination is spreading the strike doctrine in every district and daily new followers are noted in the ranks.

In spite of the appeal made by the Spartacan leaders for the strikers to avoid street demonstrations, it is believed that when once the strike is under full swing larger and bloodier disturbances will occur. The government is taking steps to meet all emergencies and will not hesitate to use extreme force in quelling all disturbances regardless of party.

DEATH RATE IN MEXICO GREAT

MEXICO CITY, March 5.—(AP)—Four hundred thirty-six thousand, two hundred deaths were caused in Mexico during 1918 by the influenza, according to data published by El Universal. This figure is believed to be conservative, according to the paper, as several states were unable to furnish figures on the mortality. In others, it is added, the epidemic

still prevails. In Morelos, in particular, few families escaped illness. In fact, the influenza is credited with having destroyed the power of Emiliano Zapata, long the rebel ruler of that state.

RETURNING MEN COME HOME IN QUIET MANNER

MUNICH, Feb. 15.—(AP) Mail.—The returning and demobilizing armies here, in great part, come quietly home, put down their arms and disband without trouble. A small percentage of the unruly element, such as compose the Liebknecht-Spartacus anarchistic group, however, has made as much trouble as possible, and has shown special fondness for crooked horse deals.

The Peasants' Council of Munich makes public a report to show that hundreds of returning soldiers have been permitted to keep a horse as a souvenir. The permission naturally does not come from the military authorities but from underlings, and the soldiers have then put the animals thus secured on the market at ridiculous prices.

One regiment that should have had 800 horses returned with but 80, the rest having been sold, in many cases it is feared, for slaughter—an easy way of concealing all traces. The city authorities recently confiscated 97 animals that had been sold in this underhand way for slaughter. The Peasants' Council has organized a guard of forty men to help put down the evil.

KING PETER TO LEAVE THRONE

ROME, March 5.—(AP)—A despatch received from Belgrade last evening states that Peter I., King of Serbia, will soon retire in favor of the prince regent, Alexander.

King Peter is well advanced in years, born in 1844, and owing to his continued ill health has delegated full royal authority to his son, Alexander, for the purpose of government. The retirement of the king will place Alexander upon the throne of Serbia. Alexander is but thirty years of age.

SENATE ACTED LIKE OLD NERO

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—William Piggott, of Seattle, who is representing that city at the conference of governors and mayors in this city on the employment question, stated today that the senate fiddled while Rome burned.

His statement was an allusion to the action of the senate in delaying important legislation on the reclamation projects and for the construction of the Alaska railroad.

DRAFT EVADERS OF CALIFORNIA BE PROSECUTED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—(AP)—Owing to the thousands of alleged draft evaders that have been recorded in the office of the state attorney action will soon be taken to have their names brot before the grand jury for indictment.

Robert Duncan, assistant to Special War Attorney Preston, stated today that fully a thousand persons had been classified as such and that their indictment was but a question of time. The cases will be presented to the grand jury as fast as possible and all evidence will be turned over to the prosecutor.

PRESIDENT IS VERY LENIENT

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—Before the departure of President Wilson executive clemency was given in fifty-three cases where convictions were had under the espionage act. These matters were drawn to the attention of the President a short time ago and he promised some action before he left for France.

Frederick Kraft, of Newark, secretary to the New Jersey socialist party who was under a three-year sentence for the violation of this act, was granted a full pardon.

Oscar Anderson is in from Dome creek.

PARK MYSTERY IS EXPLAINED AFTER WAITING

TACOMA, Feb. 15.—(AP) Mail.—Year after year, during the winter time, there have been reports of earth shocks felt from Mount Rainier, in the Rainier National Park—reports received by pioneers of this section with more or less skepticism, but at last the mystery of the "shocks" has been solved.

The solution of the mystery followed careful observation made by winter caretakers in Paradise Inn, the hotel in Paradise valley. There observations showed that the shocks came only in the winter time and after heavy rainfall and storms on the mountain summit. Mount Rainier itself has been known as an extinct volcano, altho summit climbers are witnesses of the fact that there are still some pretty lively rumblings and spoutings in progress in the mountain's old crater. In fact, steam and gasses are in many places ejected with such force that very considerable areas within the old crater are kept free of snow and ice, while at places near the summit the rock surface is still hot.

When the hotel was erected three years ago the first reports of earth shock were soon verified. At that elevation—5,500 feet—they became very real to the men staying in the snow fields through the winter. In December, 1916, the first shock was reported by the watchmen, who said that the floor of the Inn "felt like a tremendous ocean wave was passing under it, timbers creaked, dishes rattled and the sensation was terrifying." The severe shocks repeated that winter re-occurred from time to time during the next two winters.

But there was never even a suggestion of a tremor during the summer months, and therein lay the mystery.

It was discovered, according to park officials, in a very natural way. The new snow of storms was forced by terrific winds into crater vents until these openings were completely closed. In that way steam ejection was temporarily stopped. Once the vents were closed, the snow and ice packed rapidly upon the top and effectively shut in the gasses of the old volcano for a time. Gradually the increasing steam pressure became great enough to again force open the old crater vents thru the snow cap, literally blowing the plugs out. Thus a full fledged earthquake level, which is one-third the height of the mountain.

Park officials have said nothing of the earth shocks, waiting their explanation. But with the solving of the mystery this winter, confirming previous observations, they felt that a load had been taken off their minds—relieving a fear that possibly the mountain's winter snorting meant to convey a deeper meaning than they cared to think of.

MUSHROOM CITY IS DIMINISHING QUITE RAPIDLY

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 14.—(AP) Mail.—When the United States entered the war a monster munition plant was projected at Nitro, fourteen miles from here on the Kanawha river, and a city sprang into existence almost in a week. Twenty thousand men working there, and long rows of houses were built by the government to shelter its employees and their families.

Activity at Nitro practically ceased at the signing of the armistice and thousands of men left Nitro and Charleston. The last developments are an inventory of the plant and equipment, just begun, and the changing of the plant into an ordnance supply station. The war department has recommended the rasing of every other row of the bungalows so hastily constructed. This step has been ordered as a matter of fire protection.

The wheels of the plant have been silent ever since the Hercules Powder company turned back the industry to the government two months ago and no official announcement has been received from Washington as to what disposition will be made of the expensive proposition.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—A short time after going aboard the steamer George Washington President Wilson announced that he had made a recess appointment of A. Palmer Mitchell for attorney-general.

This appointment will hold good until the confirmation of Palmer at the next session of congress.